

The top quark (EW) couplings at future colliders

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The top quark and the Higgs factory

Everyone (including European strategy '13+'20):

“the highest-priority next collider is an e^+e^- Higgs factory”



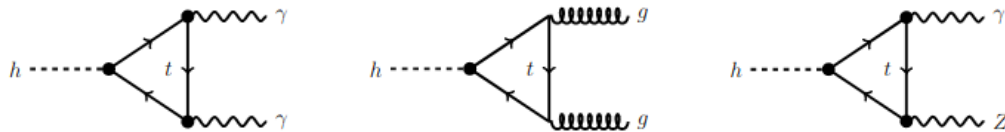
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The top quark

This idea of a “Higgs factory” is an (over)simplification; any future e^+e^- collider is much more than that; the promise of the top quark tends to be forgotten in our (understandable) excitement about the Higgs boson

The EW sector was scrutinized precisely by LEP/SLC, but the top quark escaped scrutiny at the previous generation of e^+e^- colliders

Close connections to the Higgs sector: the top quark has $O(1)$ Yukawa coupling and rules the loop diagrams ($gg \rightarrow H$, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)



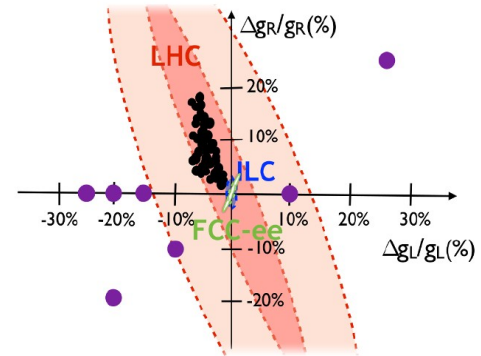
Top is very present in many extensions of the Standard Model

The top quark at future e⁺e⁻ colliders

Top might bring a surprise

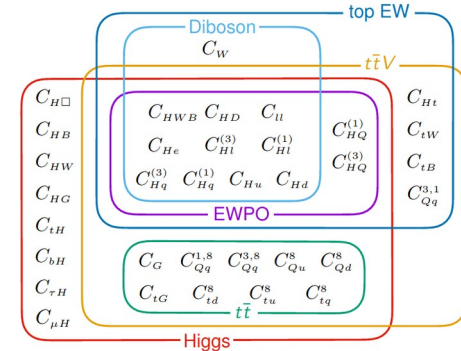
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Richard, *arXiv:1403.2893*
 Durieux et al., *arXiv:1807.10273*
 CLIC, *arXiv:1812.02093*
 LCC physics WG, *arXiv:1908.11299*



The interplay of top and Higgs in EFT fits

Durieux et al., *arXiv:1809.03520*
 S. Jung et al., *arXiv:2006.14631*
 Ellis et al., *arXiv:2012.02799*



Top mass is key for SM consistency

Baak et al., *arXiv:1407.3792*
 Degrossi et al., *arXiv:1205.6497*
 HL-LHC, *arXiv:1902.04070*
 CLIC, *arXiv:1807.02441*

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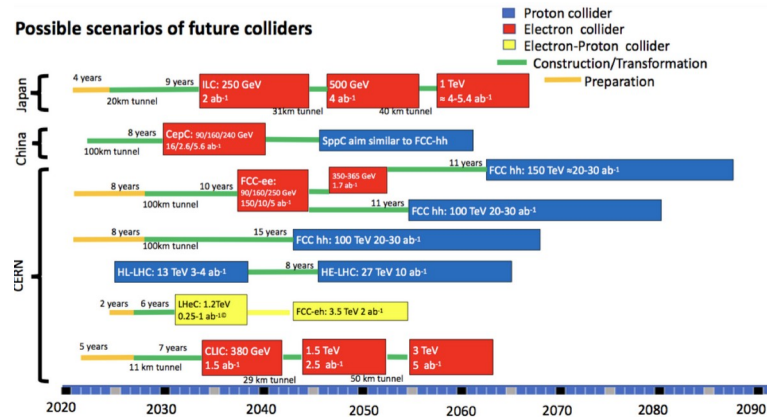
t $I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$
 Charge = $\frac{2}{3} e$ Top = +1

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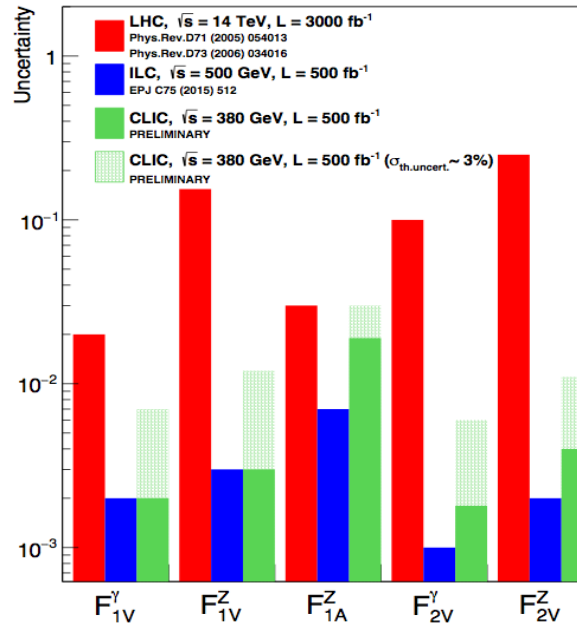
Citation: P.A. Zyla et al. (Particle Data Group), Prog. Theor. Exp. Phys. **2020**, 083C01 (2020)

Mass (direct measurements) $m = 172.76 \pm 0.30 \text{ GeV}^{[a,b]}$ ($S = 1.2$)
 Mass (from cross-section measurements) $m = 162.5^{+2.1}_{-1.8} \text{ GeV}^{[c]}$
 Mass (Pole from cross-section measurements) $m = 172.4 \pm 0.7 \text{ GeV}$
 $m_t - m_{\bar{t}} = -0.16 \pm 0.19 \text{ GeV}$
 Full width $\Gamma = 1.42^{+0.19}_{-0.15} \text{ GeV}$ ($S = 1.4$)
 $\Gamma(Wb)/\Gamma(Wq(q = b, s, d)) = 0.957 \pm 0.034$ ($S = 1.5$)

Prospects for future collider projects



Top quark couplings



Can we predict the potential of a collider?

Data makes us smarter!

Famous examples:

- LEP/SLC vertex detectors enabled “unforeseen” measurements
- LHC top physics as opposed to gloomy prospects of [hep-ph/0204087*](#)

‣ 4.4 Top-quark physics

Given the large top quark cross-section, most of the top physics programme should be completed during the first few years of LHC operation [32]. In particular, the $t\bar{t}$ and the single-top production cross-sections should be measured more precisely than the expected theoretical uncertainties, and the determination of the top mass should reach an uncertainty (dominated by systematics) of ~ 1 GeV, beyond which more data offer no obvious improvement.

We must bank on “unpredictables”: theory progress, the battle against systematics

The S2 scenario for Higgs (and top) represent “targets” that attempt to predict this progress

Systematic uncertainties?

Extreme example: ATLAS inclusive $t\bar{t}$ cross section in lepton+jets final state, 139/fb at 13 TeV, PLB 810 (2020) 135797

Statistical uncertainty : 0.05%

Systematic uncertainty : 4.3%

Systematic can be reduced with work:

Background → move to di-lepton channel

Detector → in-situ calib./di-lepton

MC modell → improve MC (NNLO, tunes)

Luminosity → target is 1%

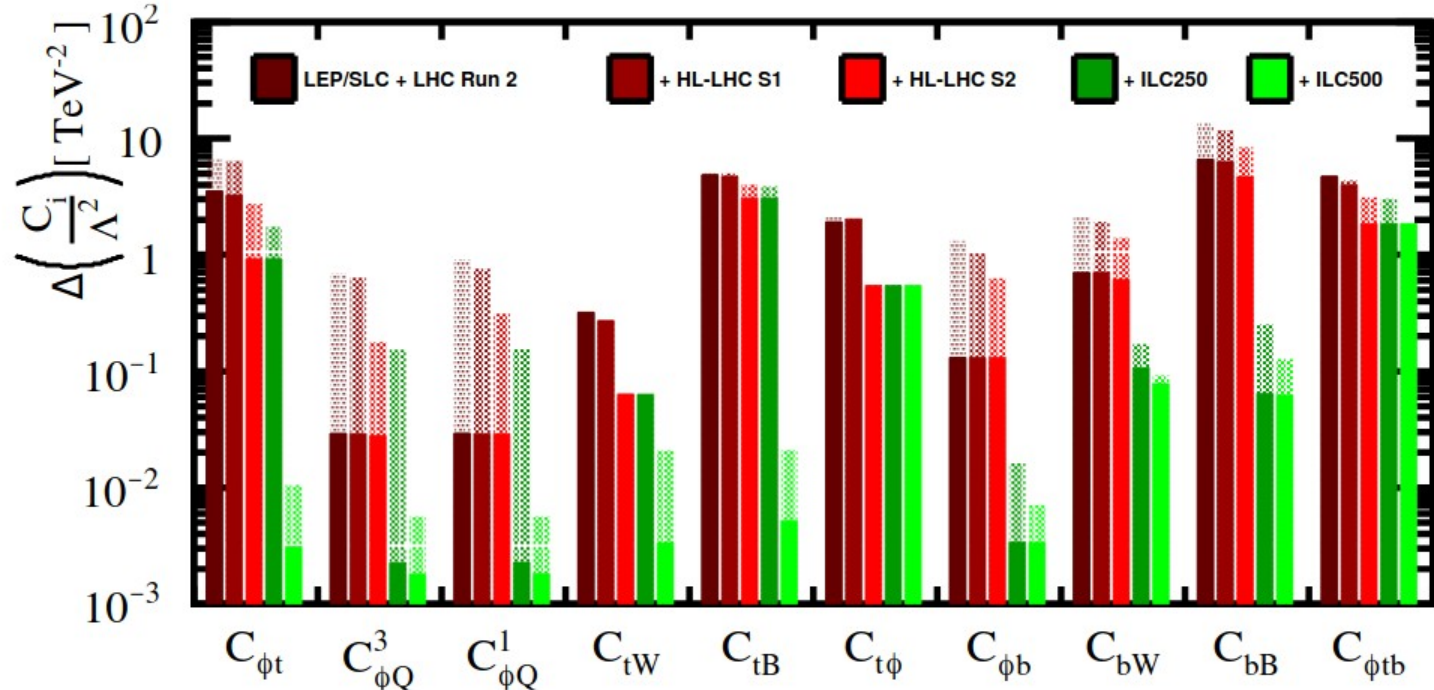
Progress will continue; $1/\sqrt{L}$ is hard to keep up with; HL-LHC uncertainty of 1% seems on the edge of doable.

Category	$\frac{\Delta\sigma_{\text{th}}}{\sigma_{\text{th}}}$ [%]	$\frac{\Delta\sigma_{\text{th}}}{\sigma_{\text{th}}}$ [%]
Signal modelling		
$t\bar{t}$ shower/hadronisation	±2.8	±2.9
$t\bar{t}$ scale variations	±1.4	±2.0
Top p_T NNLO reweighting	±0.4	±1.1
$t\bar{t}$ h_{damp}	±1.5	±1.4
$t\bar{t}$ PDF	±1.4	±1.5
Background modelling		
MC background modelling	±1.8	±2.0
Multijet background	±0.8	±0.6
Detector modelling		
Jet reconstruction	±2.5	±2.6
Luminosity	±1.7	±1.7
Flavour tagging	±1.2	±1.3
E_T^{miss} + pile-up	±0.3	±0.3
Muon reconstruction	±0.6	±0.5
Electron reconstruction	±0.7	±0.6
Simulation stat. uncertainty	±0.6	±0.7
Total systematic uncertainty	±4.3	±4.6
Data statistical uncertainty	±0.05	±0.05

Electro-weak couplings of the top quark

A long history of studies show that an e^+e^- collider above the $t\bar{t}$ threshold is the best laboratory to study the $\gamma t\bar{t}$ and $Z t\bar{t}$ vertices, [arXiv:1307.8102](#), [arXiv:1505.0620](#), [arXiv:1503.01325](#), [1509.09056](#), [arXiv:1503.04247](#)

Improve current bounds and the most optimistic HL-LHC by orders of magnitude

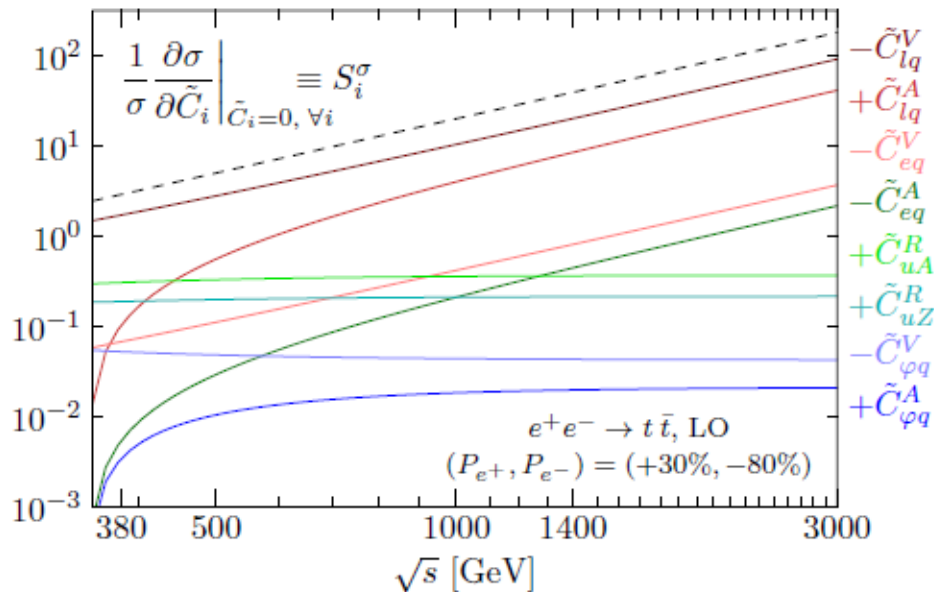


Modern EFT interpretation, comparison with HL-LHC, [arXiv:1907.10619](#)

The optimal e^+e^- program

An optimal top physics program must cover two energies above the $t\bar{t}$ threshold

Total cross section (left pol.):



Energy & precision

Getting close to the New Physics pays off; impact grows with energy

Effect of two-fermion operators best probed at ~ 400 - 500 GeV

Effect of four-fermion operators felt most strongly at high energy

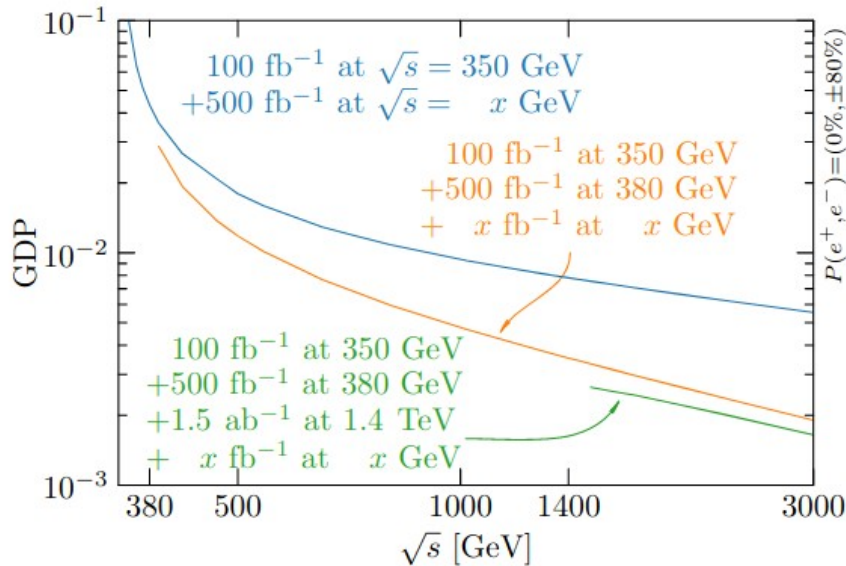
Durieux, Perello, Zhang, Vos, [arXiv:1807.02121](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.02121)

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The optimal e^+e^- program (bonus slide added a posteriori)

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Energy & precision

Running at two energies above the $t\bar{t}$ threshold, we disentangle contributions by 2- and 4-fermion operators

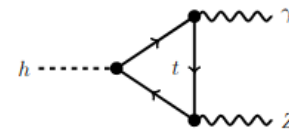
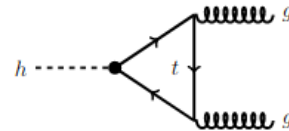
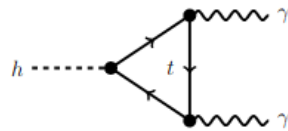
The bounds (quantified with GDP – the hypervolume of allowed parameter space) decrease rapidly as the lever arm of the second energy point increases

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Top and Higgs



The top quark Yukawa coupling

The 250 GeV run offers excellent “indirect” sensitivity to the top quark Yukawa coupling

$$\Delta y/y < 1\% \text{ from } H \rightarrow gg$$

Mitov et al., arXiv:1805.12027

$$\Delta y/y < 1\% \text{ from } H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

Jung et al., arXiv:2006.14631

Assuming the SM for other couplings

A “direct” measurement in $t\bar{t}H$ requires $\sqrt{s} > 550$ GeV

robust determination to $< 3\%$ precision in global analysis

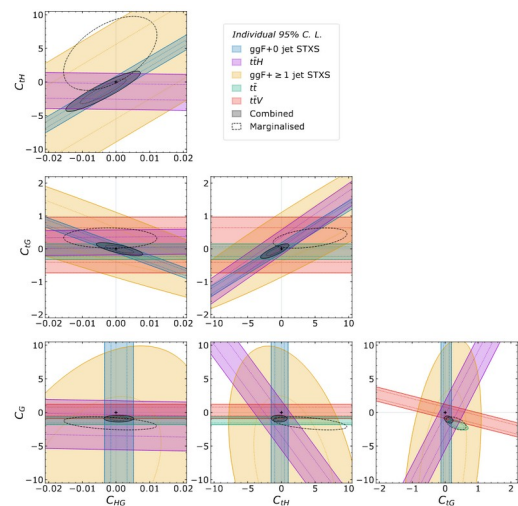
Price et al., arXiv:1409.7157

unambiguous identification of any deviation from the SM

Jung et al., arXiv:2006.14631

optimal energy remains to be identified in rigorous study

LCCphysWG, arXiv:1908.11299



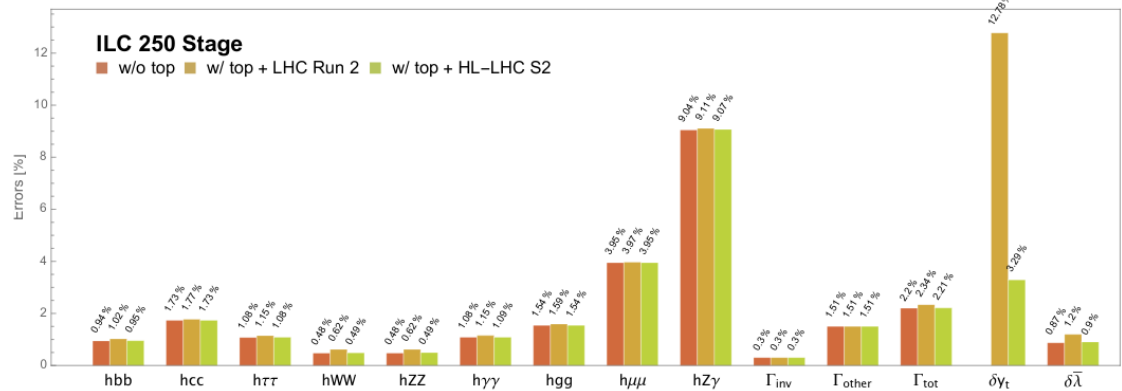
Global Higgs/EW/top fit to LHC data by Ellis et al. finds several operators - C_{tH} , C_{tG} , C_{HG} - are entangled. This prevents a robust determination of the top Yukawa coupling from the $gg \rightarrow H$ and $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ measurements. The marginalized limit is 5x the individual limit, and is dominated by $t\bar{t}H$.

Grand, global SM EFT fits

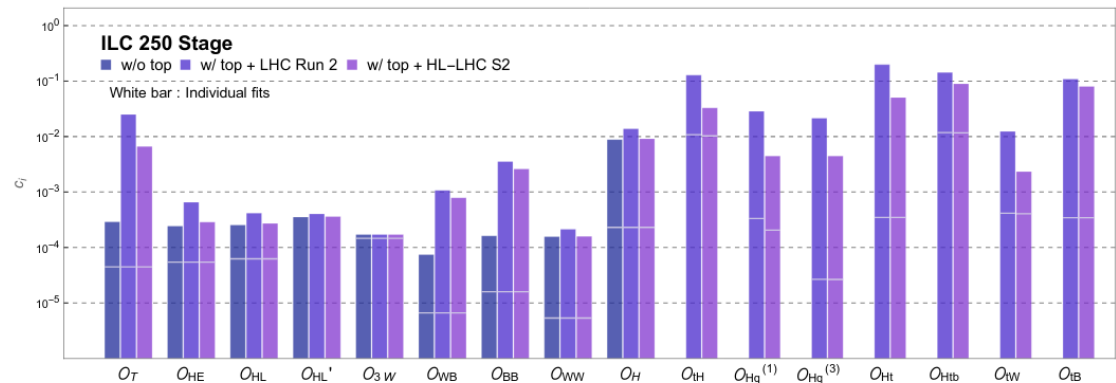
S. Jung, J. Lee, M. Perelló, J. Tian, M.V., arXiv:2006.14631

Top and bottom EW couplings affect 250 GeV Higgs fit considerably

Physical Higgs couplings largely shielded from extra degrees of freedom



Limits on Wilson coefficients are affected by inclusion of top operators, even with the most optimistic HL-LHC prospects



[See also S. Jung]

Summary

Top couplings at future facilities

The LHC program progresses; only slightly behind the most aggressive scenario

- Ultimate reach of HL-LHC remains a challenge – monitor progress closely
- Control of systematics bodes well for FCChh and SPPC prospects

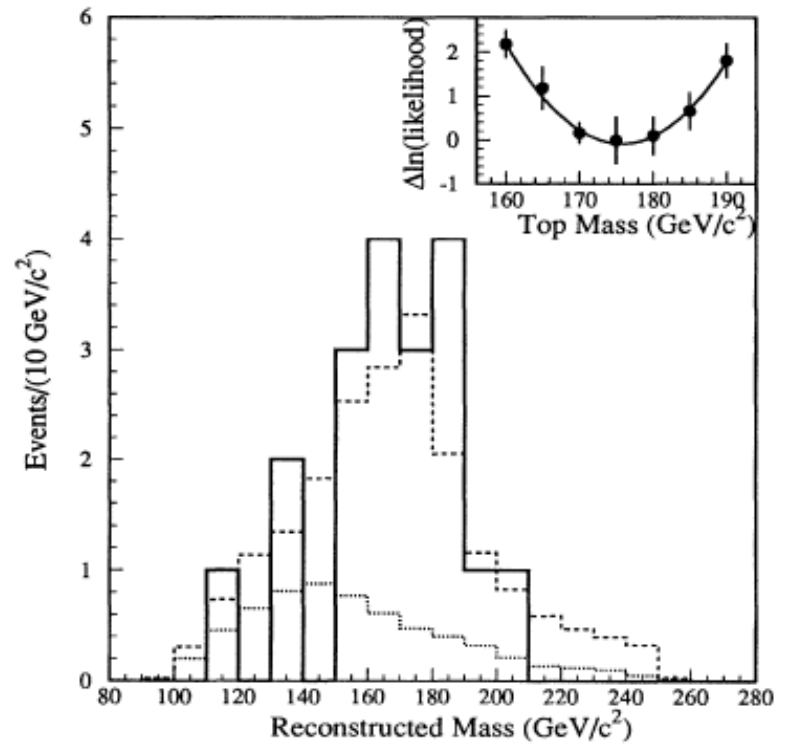
The interplay of H and t operators requires tight bounds on the latter (beyond HL-LHC-S2)

- <1% indirect measurement of y_t at 250 GeV e+e- (under SM assumptions).
- A direct measurement of y_t requires 550 GeV or more

Runs above threshold and at very high-energy e+e- collisions needed for ltt operators.

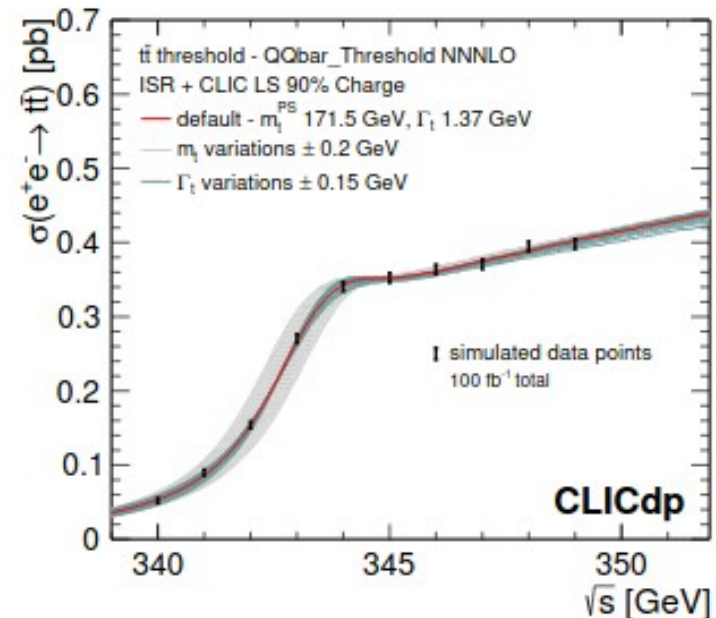
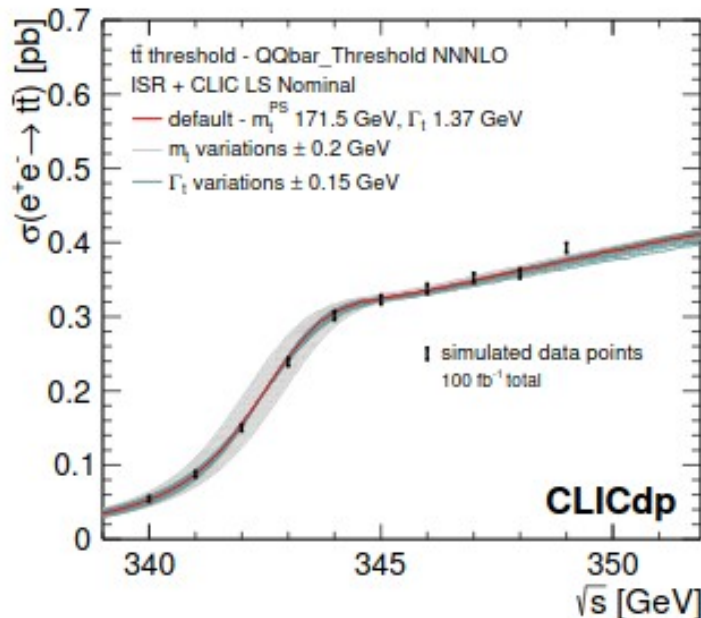
The optimal program of future facilities remains to be formulated; global EFT fits (as in Ellis, Madigan, Mimasu, Sanz, You) are a valuable tool here; I expect we need e+e- run(s) above tt threshold to fully characterize the SM

Top quark mass



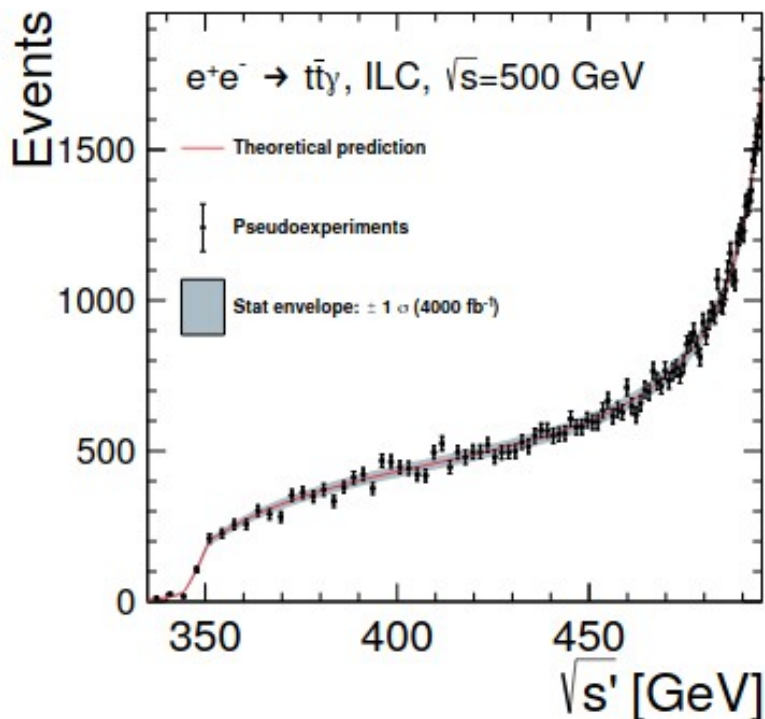
Top quark mass from threshold

Idea goes back to 1980s (Gusken et al. '85, Fadin & Khoze '87, Strassler & Peskin '91)
Theory exists to N³LO (Beneke et al. '16) and NNLO+NNLL (Hoang '14) precision
Prospects studies (Martinez '03, Horiguchi et al., '13, Seidel '13, CLIC '14, Zarnecki '21)
Threshold line shape depends on m_t , Γ_t , y_t , α_s . A goldmine! Hard to extract all 4!
All machines ~ equivalent once lumi. spectrum is corrected (Poss, arXiv:1309.0372)



Precision limited to ~ 50 MeV by theory; scale variations dominant; α_s parametric non-negligible; if not a volunteer for N⁴LO calculation refrain from claiming 10 MeV precision

Top quark mass from radiative events

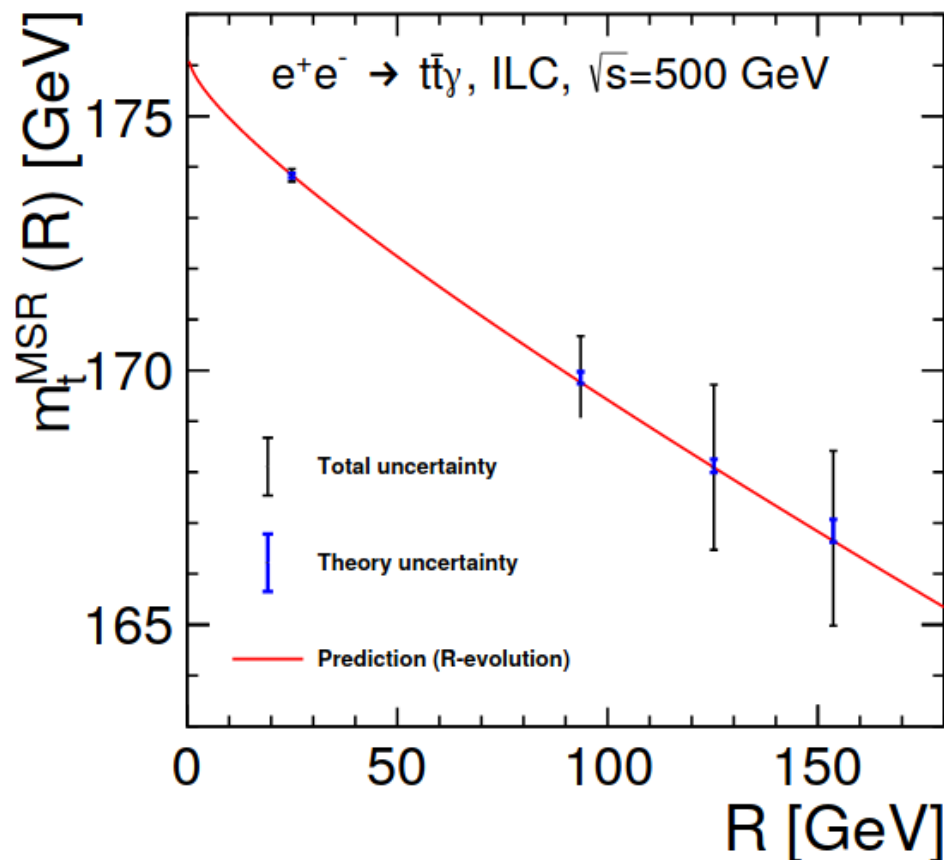


5σ evidence for scale evolution (“running”) of the top quark MSR mass from ILC500 data alone

Radiative “return to threshold” in $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma$ events

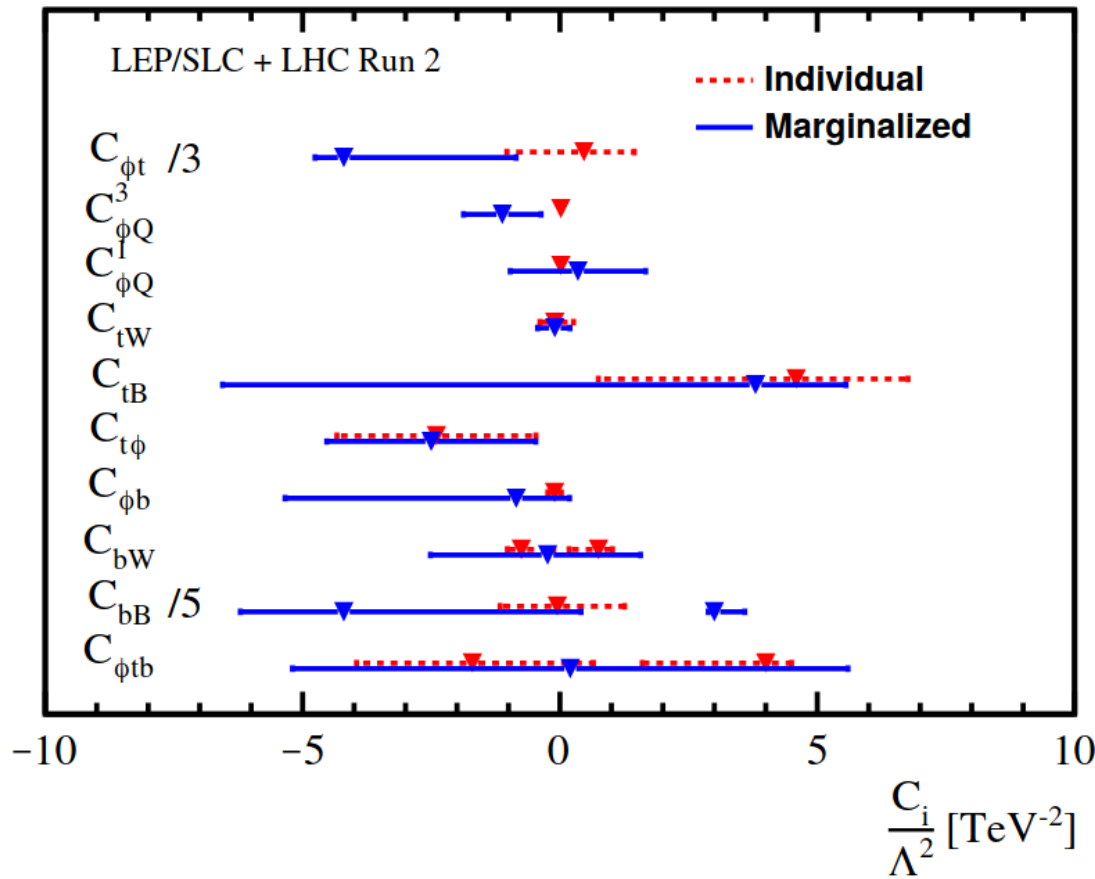
Extract short-distance mass with rigorous interpretation and competitive precision:

CLIC380 (1/ab): 50 MeV (theory), 110 MeV total
 ILC500 (4/ab): 50 MeV (theory), 150 MeV total



Dedicated fit to top EW operators

Dedicated fit to top and bottom EW operators [M. Perelló et al.]



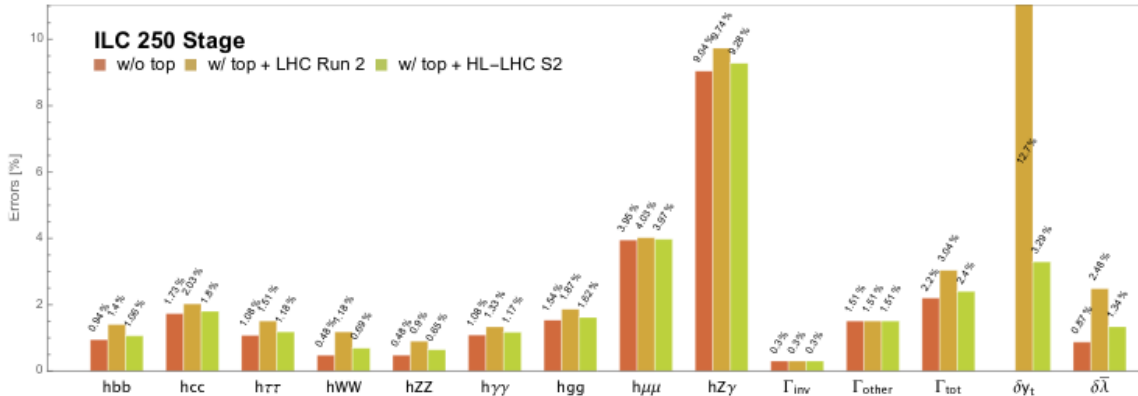
Current constraints are order(few TeV^{-1})

R^b, A_{FB} @ LEP/SLC

Associated ttX @ LHC

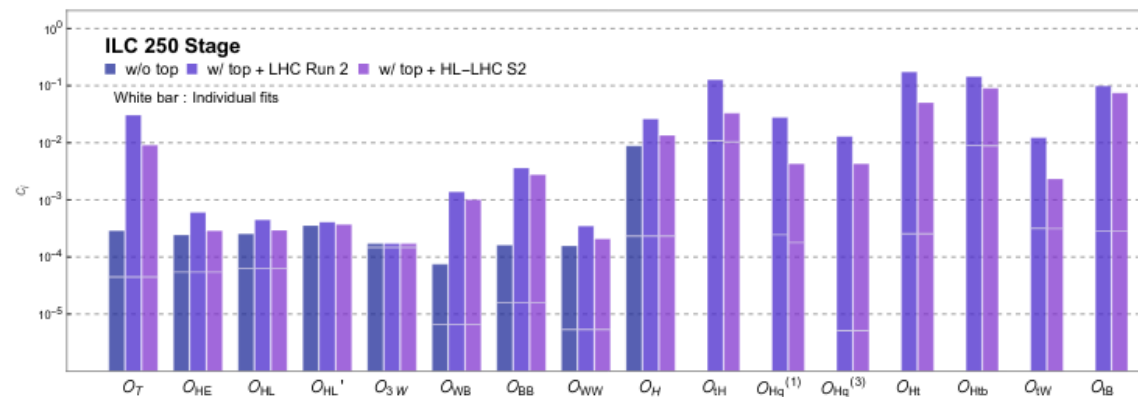
Single top & top decay

→ HepFit implementation with IFIC theory (A. Peñuelas, V. Miralles)



Ongoing work: S. Jung, J. Lee, M. Perelló, J. Tian

Threat: “top” degrees of freedom can degrade “Higgs” fit considerably, even with HL-LHC S2 projection



Opportunity: indirect sensitivity to top EW operators (+Yukawa) yields tight single-parameter limits already at 250 GeV

HL-LHC + ILC250 + ILC550 (+ Z-pole) provides very robust bounds on extended Higgs/EW/top operator basis